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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2008, for which the period of response extends through June 23, 2008 since the three-month date, June 21, 2008, is a Saturday. This response is thus timely filed. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin at page 8 of this Amendment.